

Circular 26/063 Changes to Trading Hours for certain ICE Futures Europe Contracts

Category

Trading

Attachments

None

The purpose of this Circular is to notify Members and their customers of an extension to the trading hours for Three Month SONIA Indexed Futures, MPC Dated SONIA Futures, Long Gilt Futures and Medium Gilt Futures (collectively, the “Contracts”).

This change is being implemented to align UK product trading hours with those of core European Short-Term Interest Rate (STIR) futures. It follows feedback from customers and is intended to strengthen cross-market alignment, enhance access for international participants, and support liquidity across Asian and US trading hours.

Effective from Monday 06 July 2026 the revised daily trading hours for the Contracts will be as follows:

Contract	Pre Open (UK Time)	Open (UK Time)	Close (UK Time)
Three Month SONIA Indexed Futures	00:45	01:00	21:00
MPC Dated SONIA Futures	00:45	01:00	21:00
Long Gilt Futures	00:45	01:00	21:00
Medium Gilt Futures	00:45	01:00	21:00

For the avoidance of doubt there will be no change to the current settlement windows for any of the Contracts; and the time at which trading ceases on the Last Trading Day remains unchanged for all the Contracts.

Please ensure that the appropriate members of staff within your organisation and customers are advised of the content of this Circular.

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